REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	14 April 1999
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Waitakere
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	M0p8n818.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Image File
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Applicable

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	M0p8n818.jpg	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer image file entitled *M0p8n818.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is a colour photographic image. It consists of a depiction of a female on her hands and knees, with another female inserting a hand into her anus. The anus, vagina and buttocks of the woman being penetrated are the focal point of the image; her head is not in the frame.

The image is objectionable because of the extent and degree to which it degrades and dehumanises its subjects, in particular the female whose anus is being penetrated. This female is dehumanised because the degree of focus on her anus and vagina precludes any sense of her as a whole person, with attributes other than the purely sexual. The female is degraded because she is presented as a spectacle, undertaking anal penetration in order to sexually titillate the viewer.

The right to freedom of expression set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in relation to this publication. It is considered that the level of restriction placed on the publication is reasonable. This is because the extent and degree to which the publication degrades and dehumanises its participants is so high as to mean its availability is likely to be injurious to the public good.

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